

Election Results

748 votes were cast in the Calais General Election. Of those, 204 were early ballots and 544 people voted in person at the town office. Calais has 1,313 registered voters.

Statewide election results are at the Secretary of State website at <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections.aspx>

Voted in as Justices of the Peace are Charlotte Bassage, Scott Bassage, Dillon Burns, Judy Copa, Nel Emlen, Eva Morse and Dan Singleton.

Why did voting take place at the town office rather than the Town Hall? The Board of Civil Authority voted to hold the election at the town office due to a variety of conditions at the town hall. The foundation is practically nonexistent at one corner of the building creating spongy floor areas at the downstairs entrance and at the bottom of the stairs. While the floor at the entrance has been temporarily reinforced, someone could potentially fall through the floor at the bottom of the stairs. The town hall is difficult to heat in cold weather; the water is turned off and drained. Also, the town hall is not handicapped accessible. Computers are now needed to tally votes and report to the Secretary of State's Office and to the media.

While it is rather close quarters at the town office, I hope you felt it worked out for you. Due to the situation at the town hall, please be aware of future voting locations. The Saturday, November 8, special town meeting will be held at the Calais Elementary School. Town Meeting 2015 will also be held at the school.

Thank you, vote counters, for your counting accuracy and ability to stay up WAY past your usual bedtimes: Barbara Butler, Olivia Gay, Rick Kehne, John McCullough, Jamie Moorby, Rose Pelchuck, Judy Robert, Dale Schaft, and Denise Wheeler. Though it was a late night, your attention to detail made it much easier to summarize all the votes, reconcile checklist numbers (the number of voters) with total ballot counts, and fill out the reporting forms for the Secretary of State's office.

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